The American Psychiatric Nurses Association Participates in Global Theme Issue on Poverty and Human Development

The American Psychiatric Nurses Association is proud to be participating in the Global Theme Issue on Poverty and Human Development launched today by the Council of Science Editors (CSE).

The CSE Global Theme Issue aims to raise awareness and stimulate interest and debate on the crucial matters of poverty and development internationally. Over 230 scientific journals from both developed and developing countries will simultaneously publish papers on this topic, enabling widespread access to the latest research and analysis.

*Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association* (JAPNA), the official journal of APNA has dedicated the October/November 2007 issue (Vol. 13, No. 5) to this crucial global matter. The articles in this issue explore many of the dimensions and complex background of poverty in the United States. Guest editor, Linda Beeber, PhD, APRN-BC, FAAN, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill states in her editorial, “The existence of poverty is puzzling, especially as global commerce and technology produce greater wealth and lengthen the life span of privileged humans.”

“We must advocate to ensure that families in poverty do have access, because there are profound barriers to their receipt of care. Organizations such as APNA can set practice, research, and education agendas to prepare psychiatric mental health nurses to work with families in poverty.”

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